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Meeting Notice

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Council to receive briefings on advisory committee recommendations

Thursday, December 10, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Stone Manor, 15208 52nd Ave. S., Tukwila

On Thursday the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will receive briefings on its education, health care workforce diversity, and obesity and diabetes advisory committees. The council will review policy recommendations submitted by each of its committees and discuss next steps for creating its policy action plan. Other items on the agenda include discussions of strategies to promote health equity among state agencies and to ensure language access in health care.

The term "health disparities" describes the higher rates of disease, disability, and death among certain groups when compared to the general population. Serious disparities among racial/ethnic groups in Washington have been well documented.

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More information is available on the [Health Disparities Council Web site](http://www.healthequity.wa.gov) (www.healthequity.wa.gov) or by calling the state Board of Health office, 360-236-4104.

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